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# Hectic lobby for Congress LS tickets

## CM Siddaramaiah, who is in Mysuru, keeps cards close to his chest as aspirants vie for tickets

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (BLU,DM& BCT)- As the Lok Sabha election draws closer, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar have become hotbeds of intense lobbying within the Congress party for ticket allocation. **The Election Commission of India will announce the election dates and phases at 3 pm tomorrow (Mar. 16).**

The demand for Congress tickets from candidates surged further with the arrival of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Mysuru last night to participate in a series of private and public engagements. This heightened speculation, especially in the light of BJP's announcement of its candidates for Mysuru-Kodagu (Yaduveer Wadiyar) and Chamarajanagar (S. Balraj). While poll partners BJP and JD(S) are yet to announce their candidates for the Mandya seat, all eyes are on CM Siddaramaiah, who wields the authority to finalise the Congress candidates for the Old Mysore region — Mysuru-Kodagu, Mandya and Chamarajanagar Constituencies.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Friday 15th March 2024


## Solo art expo at Mysuru Art Gallery on Mar.16, 17

*Rani S. Nagavala*

Mysuru, Mar. 15 - A two-day solo art exhibition will be held on Mar. 16 and 17 at Mysuru Art Gallery located at 12th Cross on Ramanuja Road in city.

Art works of Rani S. Nagavala will be exhibited at the venue.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by Theatre and Television artiste Deepa Ravishankar at 11 am on Mar. 16.

Mysuru Art Gallery Founder-President L. Shivalingappa will preside. Interested public can visit the Gallery between 10.30 am and 6 pm to have a glimpse of the art works.

For details, contact Mob: 94481-30067 or 9481310424.

**About the artist:** Rani S. Nagavala, an engineering graduate in Information Technology from NIE, Mysuru is the daughter of D.L. Geetha and N.P. Shiva Shankar, retd. Librarian, JSS Medical College, Mysuru. She is currently pursuing Karnatak music under Vidu. Meera Manjunath.

Rani has exhibited her art works at *Kala Santhe* held at NIE last year and also at State-level Youth Festival held in 2023. She has created art works using pencil, charcoal and pens.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

COMMA SENSE: ***Comma was being tried in the Court of Grammar and Punctuation. The interrogators included Full Stop, Question Mark, Exclamation Point, Apostrophe, Hyphen and Dash.***

***You are really no use whatsoever. Full Stop said with a full stop. Why should you exist at all? asked Question Mark with a question mark. To which Exclamation Point exclaimed Rightly said! And Apostrophe added, You can't justify your existence, using itself to shorten cannot into can't.***

***You have a point — all of you — said Dash with a dash. Semicolon wouldn't say anything as it was sulking, having been given a mere semi status and Colon was too busy figuring out how not to get itself mixed up with a part of the human anatomy.***

***Hyphen chipped in, pointing out that a man-eating tiger was a very different proposition from a man eating tiger.***

***Hang on, guys, give me a chance to make my case, pleaded Comma. Take the sentence, Let's study Rahul. It implies that Rahul is a subject of study, like algebra or history. But if we say, Let's study, Rahul, it shows that the writer is urging Rahul to study together.***

***Here's another example, continued Comma. I passed my exams with help from my parents, the Math teacher and the Education Minister. That makes it sound as though the Math teacher and the Education Minister are the parents of the writer.***

***Now see what happens when I add myself a second time to the sentence, I passed my exams with help from my parents, the Math teacher, and the Education Minister. The second comma, after teacher, is called the Oxford comma, explained Comma, and it clarifies that the Math teacher and the Education Minister are not the writer's parents.***

***I rest my case, concluded Comma. Court case dismissed! exclaimed Exclamation Point. And Comma lived happily ever after. Or lived, happily, ever after.***

*— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Ganesh Baraiya, the world's shortest doctor

Talaja: 23-year-old Ganesh Baraiya, despite facing discrimination due to his short stature, has managed to become the world's shortest doctor.

Born in Talaja of Gujarat, Ganesh faced adversity from a young age. He was born normal, but at the age of four, his parents noticed that his head was outgrowing his body, so they took him to a doctor. They learned that the boy suffered from an incurable condition and there was nothing anyone could do. In school, he was ridiculed because of his large head and short stature.

When the time came, he applied for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree (MBBS) only to be denied because of his dwarfism. His case reached India's Supreme Court and justice was finally done. In 2018, India's top court of law awarded Ganesh the right to enroll in an MBBS and he did just that the following year. The three-foot-tall man recently completed his studies and is working as an intern at Sir-T Hospital in Bhavnagar.

### Japan's fascination for T-Rex costume racing

Tokyo: Over the last few years, more than 40 T-Rex costume races were hosted around Japan, making it one of the fastest-growing racing events in the Asian country.

T-rex costume racing is said to have originated in 2019, when dozens of people donning Tyrannosaurus Rex costumes gathered on the Emerald Downs racetrack in Auburn, Washington, for a race that has been doing the rounds on social media ever since. However, T-Rex costume racing never really took off in the West, not like it did in Japan, anyway. The inaugural Tyrannosaurus Race Daisen was held in the city of Daisen, Tottori Prefecture, in April 2022 and proved so successful that it inspired with over 40 similar events taking place all over the country ever since.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Common risk factors of gastrointestinal cancers include smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, obesity, poor diet, inflammatory bowel disease, genetic predisposition and certain infections (hepatitis B, C for liver cancer).

***By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology***
***Manipal Hospital, Mysore***

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Mysuru Division-level Rovers and Rangers Meet tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.15 - Mysuru Division-level Rovers and Rangers Meet - 2024 and skit competition on sustainable development goals organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG) District Association, Mysuru, in association with Sri K. Puttaswamy First Grade College will held at H. Kempegowda Sport Complex, VVCE Campus, in Gokulam tomorrow (Mar. 16).

The event will be inaugurated at 9 am by Karnataka State Bharat Scouts and Guides State Chief Commissioner P.G.R. Sindhia. Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. President Gundappa Gowda will preside.

Department of Collegiate Education Joint Director Dr. A.H.M. Vijayalaxmi and Bharat Scouts and Guides District Chief Commissioner P. Vishwanath will be the chief guests. BSG District Association District Treasurer Dr. K.B. Gurumurthy, VV Sangha Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar, BSG District Association District Secretary Abdul Jameel and College Principal Dr. M. Shivalinge Gowda will the guests of honour.

The organisers have also invited resource persons to deliberate on various topics related to Scouts and Guides between 10.30 am and 12.40 pm. This will be followed by skit competition (1.30 pm and 4 pm).

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## REALLY...?

- ***Phad Paintings:** This Rajasthani style of traditional Indian art is done on huge pieces of clothes and used by priests as mobile temples of the folk deities.*
- ***Saura Paintings:** Practiced by the Sauras of Orissa, this art form elaborates on the story of the tribe for hundreds of years. With a history that has been mentioned in the Epics of Ramayana and the Mahabharata, this art of the Sauras is rich with symbolism and meaning and narrates interesting Indian art facts in its own distinctive style.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Mercy: Did you enjoy the play last night?***
***Regina: I didn't see all of it. I left after the first act.***
***Mercy: Why?***
***Regina: Because the play said "Second act: Two years later." And I couldn't wait that long!***

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 106.04 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 22.56 |
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## VOICE OF THE READER

# Garbage at Government PU College entrance

Sir,

This is the condition of the Government PU College, Vontikoppal, Mysuru. This is an examination centre for the ongoing 2nd PUC exam but sadly the centre greets the students with filth, garbage and trash strewn right at the entrance. Flies, mosquitoes and rodents also welcome the students. It's very obvious that the premises hasn't been cleaned for several days.

I am sure every college will have Group D employees. Is it very difficult to dispose off the garbage and maintain a clean premise, in the interest of students' health? Why can't different Government Departments work in sync?

**—E. Venkatesh**

Mysuru
12.3.2024

# 'Fearless Night Walk' by Ladies Circle today

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (VNS)- Ladies Circle India has organised 'Fearless Night Walk' on Vani Vilas Road (from Law Courts Complex to Agrahara Circle) at 9.30 pm today.

More than 100 women including women cyclists, bikers and differently-abled will take part in the event. Ladies Circle India, Area Publicity Convenor Aparna Ranga, Area Chairperson Hema and others will be present.

# Sparrow Conservation Day on Mar. 17

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (BCT)- As part of World Sparrow Day, observed annually on Mar. 20, People For Animals (PFA) and sparrow conservationist Kokila Ramesh Jain are jointly organising a Sparrow Conservation Day on Sunday (Mar. 17) at PFA premises in Bogadi.

Participants can gain insight into the world of sparrows with informative video clips highlighting their conservation challenges and their protection. They can experience a sparrow-themed board game, offering a playful yet educational approach to raising awareness.

Participants can explore a diverse range of birdhouses designed to attract sparrows to their backyard, providing them with safe habitat and take a look at photos of sparrows with captivating posters and a photo booth capturing memorable sparrow-themed moments.

The event will showcase how to create eco-friendly feeders for sparrows, ensuring a sustainable food source. They can participate in tree planting activities to support sparrow habitats and witness inauguration of bird water feeder and birdbath.

There will be competitions for children aged between 8 and 18 where they can decorate and paint a sparrow house to create a functional and beautiful home for these feathered friends. They can also compose poems about sparrows in English, Hindi, or Kannada.

All participants will receive certificates from PFA. Former Deputy Mayor Dr. Roopa Yogesh will be the chief guest along with avid birdwatchers Vijayalakshmi and Shylajesh. Participants have to report at 8 am, while visitors can join at 10 am. For more information, contact Mob: 98456-54429.


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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Book release tomorrow

Writer S.K. Manjunath's collection of poems titled "Gaaliya Yedeseeli Horata Hakki" will be released at a programme jointly organised by Challakere based Lumbini Prakashana and Mysuru Geleyaru, at Rotarian Devegowda Hall in Rotary premises Opposite MUDA Office on JLB Road at 5 pm tomorrow (Mar. 16). Wildlife Photographer duo - Krupakar-Senani will release the book in the presence of Chitradurga based poetess Dr. R. Tarini Shubadayini, veteran writer G.P. Basavaraju and others, according to a press release.

### Games to mark Intl. Women's Day

As part of International Women's Day, the city's Badaganadu Balaga will be conducting desi games and competitions for women at its premises located in Vasu Layout, Badaganadu Bhavana Road, Ramakrishnanagar, K Block, at 10.30 am on Mar. 24. The Competitions/ games include- Cooking Competition (Sweet and Hot dishes using Avalakki), Written quiz, Rangoli competition, Bhajan Competition, Chowkabara, Pagade, Saree Ramp Walk and One minute game. There is entry fee for each game, according to a press release. For details and registration, contact Mob: 99861-97263 or 98805-87560 or 95523-44046.

### Degree courses supplementary exam in May, June

The University of Mysore will be conducting the supplementary exam for even semesters (2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th) subjects of its Under-graduate courses in May/ June - 2024. The students who have failed to clear papers, can appear for the supplementary exam. Such students are required to visit or contact the college they have studied for submission of application form and payment of exam fee, according to a press release.

### Skill training

The Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes (ST) Development Corporation has invited offline applications from eligible ST community students of Journalism, Electronic and Digital Media for admission to Skill development training programme. The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the District office of the Corporation, till the end of this month. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430022, according to a press release.

# I entered politics to make a meaningful impact: Yaduveer

## No influence by relatives; My selection was based on BJP's rigorous processes, scrutiny

*BJP candidate of Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar being felicitated on his arrival at City BJP office yesterday. Others seen are (from left) former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, BJP leader N.V. Phaneesh, BJP Mysuru Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa and City BJP office-bearer Giridhar.*

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (PM&BCT)- BJP's new face in the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who is also the scion of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, has articulated his motive behind venturing into the realm of politics — to render a significant contribution to society.

"I have entered politics with the sole intention of making a meaningful impact. Political authority is imperative for better service to society and fostering positive change," he affirmed.

Addressing the media following his maiden visit to the BJP Office at Chamarajapuram last evening after the announcement of his candidature, Yaduveer elucidated that his decision to embark on this political journey had been a contemplative process.

He elucidated that his inclination towards politics had been gradually developing over the last nine to 10 years, underscoring his long standing engagement in various personal and public service endeavours. Yaduveer underscored the pivotal role of political power in effectuating substantial change and underscored the necessity of political involvement for this purpose.

"Up to a certain point, one can participate in public service activities. However, to effect substantial change, power becomes imperative. Hence, I chose to step into the realm of politics with this objective in mind. With the blessings of Goddess Sri Chamundeshwari and my mother, I embark on this journey. Numerous individuals have dedicated themselves to the betterment of the Mysuru-Kodagu constituency in the past, deserving my profound gratitude. They have laid the groundwork, and I aspire to propel the momentum of progress forward, leaving an indelible mark on our collective future," he elucidated.

Expressing gratitude to his family and the people of the Mysuru-Kodagu constituency, Yaduveer underscored the significance of cooperation from party workers in achieving success. He acknowledged the challenges ahead in the electoral battle but affirmed his determination to compete and succeed in the electoral battle.

**Out from AC rooms**

Responding to queries, Yaduveer expressed his readiness to leave the comfort of the palace and embrace the rough and tumble of politics. He emphasised that transitioning from the comfort of air-conditioned rooms to public life was not daunting but seen as a responsibility.

Regarding his inspiration to join the BJP and addressing speculations, Yaduveer clarified that his selection as a BJP candidate was made through due process, without any influence from relatives. He expressed confidence in the principles and vision of the BJP, citing stability and progress as guiding factors in his decision to join the party.

He dismissed speculations in the media about any influence from the Rajasthan royal family in his political entry and clarified that his selection as the BJP candidate underwent the party's rigorous processes, including scrutiny by the State BJP unit.

**All are equal before the Constitution**

Yaduveer further underscored the significance of forging one's unique identity while upholding tradition, stressing the collective endeavour required to surmount challenges in the political arena. He assured that matters about the Mysore Palace, its assets, and its properties would be meticulously addressed in accordance with legal parameters.

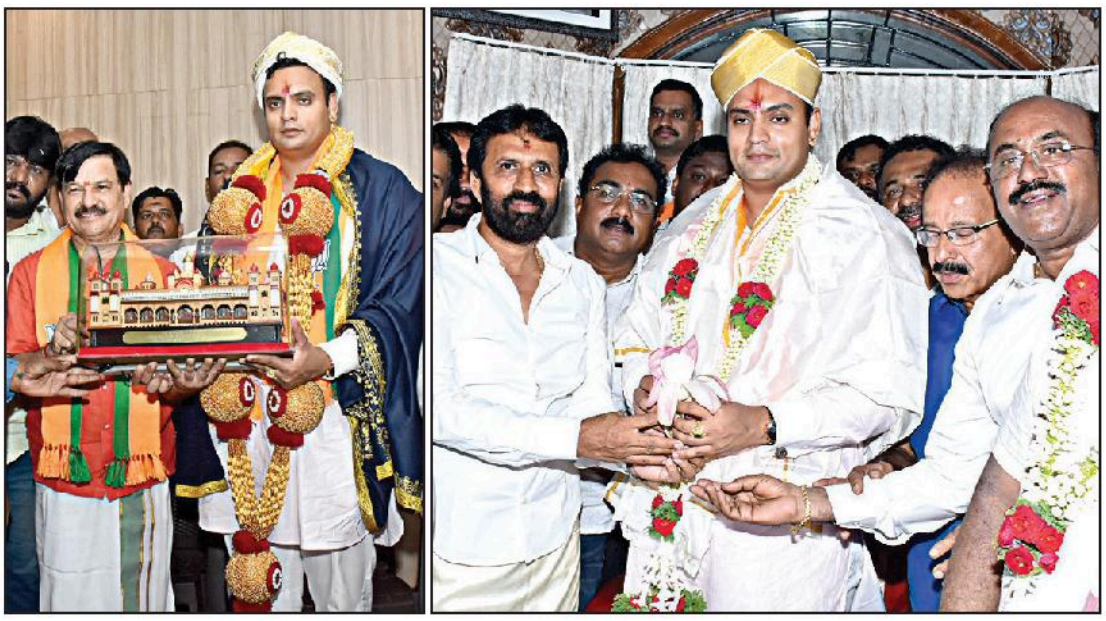
"According to the Constitution, everyone is equal; before God and as per our Constitutional principles, everyone is merely an ordinary individual. Dynasties are part of an enduring tradition, but we must carve out our own identity. I am committed to overcoming all hurdles in politics with the guidance and cooperation of all. Transitioning from air-conditioned rooms to public spaces may seem challenging, but in public life, fulfilling public responsibilities is paramount," he articulated.

When asked about his vision for Mysuru, Yaduveer emphasised the legacy of his ancestors in setting the stage for the city's advancement, a legacy that has enriched subsequent generations.

He conveyed his determination to carry forward the commendable initiatives undertaken by his predecessors, notably citing Prathap Simha and guide them to their successful completion.

"I have a vision to make Mysuru a centre of tourism in South India. There are many brands and unique products in this region that deserve a special place," he said. Earlier, Yaduveer was welcomed to the BJP office amidst the sounds of *Mangala Vadhya* and folk art, where he was congratulated by hundreds of party leaders and workers. The event saw the presence of notable personalities including MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLC S. Siddaraju, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, and BJP Rural president L.R. Mahadevaswamy.

Yaduveer later called on BJP city president and former MLA L. Nagendra at the latter's house in K.G. Koppal. He also called on former MLA S.A. Ramdas at the latter's home office in Vidyaranyapuram.



*Former Minister S.A. Ramdas (extreme left) and City BJP President L. Nagendra felicitating Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar in the city yesterday. Former MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar, BJP leaders Vadivelu, Cable Mahesh and B.P. Manjunath are also seen.*

# Sudha Murty takes oath in Kannada

*Dr. Sudha Murty taking oath as Rajya Sabha MP in the presence of Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar, who is also the RS Chairman, Union Minister Piyush Goyal, her husband N.R. Narayana Murthy and others.*

New Delhi, Mar. 15 (Agencies)- Author and philanthropist Dr. Sudha Murty was sworn-in as a member of the Rajya Sabha (RS) in New Delhi on Thursday in the presence of Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, who is also the RS Chairman.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal also attended the event at Parliament, where Sudha Murty's husband and Infosys Founder N.R. Narayana Murthy accompanied her. 73-year-old Sudha Murty, the former Chairperson of Infosys Foundation and the author of several books, mostly for children, was nominated to the Rajya Sabha on Mar. 8 marking International Women's Day. She took the oath of office in Kannada.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared on his social media account, praising her inspiring contributions to various fields, including social work. Sudha Murty said, "I'm happy, at the same time I feel I have been given more responsibility. I'll work at my level best. On a personal level, I am happy that I'm getting a bigger platform to work for the poor."

When asked about whether this could be considered a step into the political arena, Sudha Murty was clear that she did not consider herself a politician. She is also renowned for her contributions to Kannada and English literature and is a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar, the Padma Shri (2006) and the Padma Bhushan (2023).

Sudha Murty, who was the first woman engineer to have worked with TELCO, is famously known to have provided the seed capital of Rs. 10,000 to her husband to start Infosys, which now has a market cap of over 80 billion dollars. Her daughter Akshata is married to British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

## Install Kannada name boards by Mar. 31

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Last date for the installation of name boards in 60 percent Kannada language for traders, shopkeepers and others coming under MCC is Mar. 31.

Failing to abide by the rule after Mar. 31 will attract Rs. 5,000 fine in the first phase, Rs. 10,000 in second phase, Rs. 20,000 in third phase and cancellation of Trade Licence, according to a press release.

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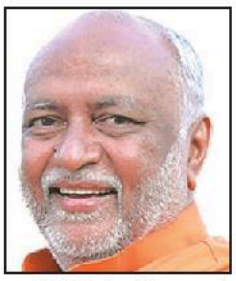

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Mysuru, Mar. 15 - An interaction with economic experts has been organised jointly by *Vijaya Karnataka,* Aditya Birla Capital Mutual Fund and Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund at 4 pm tomorrow (Mar. 16) at Kalamandira in city to provide detailed information on investment opportunities.

K.S. Rao, Head of Investor Education and Distribution Development, Vinod Bhat, Portfolio Manager and Knowledge Management Head and Swami Sukhabodhananda, International Corporate Guru, are the economic experts who will be providing useful information and guidance on how to earn wealth by planning financially and investing in mutual funds.

The economists will also be providing comprehensive information on investment and retirement planning for women.

For details, contact Mob: 99452-97801 or 81471-20555, according to a press release.

# Wins medals in Intl. Athletic Meet

Mysuru, Mar. 15 - Jnanesh, a resident of Gayathripuram here, took part in the International Master's Athletic Meet held at Thailand recently. He has won three Gold medals in shot put, javelin throw and discus throw events in the above 35 years age category. He has recorded a personal best of 13.86 mts in shot put, 32.56 mts in discus throw and 46.67 mts in javelin throw.

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# Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

# Winds of change sweeping the country

## What next for Dr. Sudha Murty?

With the 2024 Parliamentary election at the threshold of polling booths, the country is all set to see a new government, or a government in new garbs or possibly the old wine in a new bottle.

Selection of candidates from different political parties is going on in an atmosphere of turmoil, suspense, surprise and disappointment all over the country.

In our State, Karnataka, too the selection process is gaining speed, each party focussing on a winning horse in the electoral race.

While Congress under Siddaramaiah, a past master in electoral politics, is bound to field candidates who will make it to the winning post, the BJP and its ally JD(S) seem to be in a state of confusion in nominating right candidates in the right constituencies. BJP should know that only the high and mighty candidates can contest anywhere, even in Wayanad or Ballari and win. Not others. Even a veteran, experienced politician like Siddaramaiah, refrains from venturing. Therefore, from the seats so far declared by the BJP it does not seem to have done well compared to Congress.

It used to be said during Nehru's days that no matter who the candidate was, even a donkey with a Gandhi cap would win the election. Likewise since 2014, the BJP has developed the same mindset. No matter who the candidate and from where he contests, the magic of Modi will take him to the victory stand. Wrong. Stature and popularity of the tallest leaders of the parties have changed, so also the thinking of the voters. Many hitherto not thought of factors_come into play when a voter makes his choice. See what happened in the 2023 Assembly election in Karnataka. Last minute guarantees changed the election in favour of Congress making BJP, with Modi's intensive campaigning, look miserable with a mere 65 seats.

*Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar sharing a lighter moment with Dr. Sudha Murty and her husband N.R. Narayana Murthy as Leader of the House Piyush Goyal looks on.*

The Roman Consul Cicero had famously said that though Rome got rid of a tyrant, tyranny continued. Likewise it seems that 76 years after independence we have the same mindset. India got rid of the Rajas and Nawabs in 1947 but the royalty seems to survive, a vestige of a feudal society. In Karnataka, the Congress had successfully experimented with the Wadiyars and now it is the turn of BJP which had failed once and Wadiyar switched to Congress. Will similar situation arise to Wadiyar this time? GoK.

In the midst of these volatile election concerns, there is good news from BJP. It has nominated one of the ideal role-model of a citizen of India to Rajya Sabha — Dr. Sudha Murty. She is the wife of N.R. Narayana Murthy, one of the Founders of Infosys. She is an engineer, a prolific writer in Kannada and English and a compulsive social worker. Yesterday she took oath as the Rajya Sabha member at Delhi.

Dr. Sudha Murty, 73, was the former Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, now a member, that helps many social and humanitarian causes financially. Our city is a great beneficiary of her munificence. It has received donation from this Foundation in crores of rupees for various causes, specially in rejuvenating Hebbal Lake and Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion in Manasagangothri campus.

It may be recalled that in May 2022 it was reported that the election of India's President and Vice-President would be held before July 24, 2022 as the term of incumbents would soon come to an end.

Among the names that made the rounds were of Dr. Sudha Murty, M. Venkaiah Naidu (then Vice-President), Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance Minister), Ghulam Nabi Azad (of Congress) and Arif Mohammad Khan (Governor of Kerala). At that time I had written that the final choice would be made after weighing the caste, religion and gender equations.

And four years earlier, in 2018, I had written, that Mrs. Sudha Murty would make an ideal President of India, the second woman President, to atone for the lapse of not passing the long-pending Women's Reservation Bill.

However, in May 2022, when the election to these two high offices were to take place before July 24, 2022, I changed my mind and wrote that my choice for President was Arif Mohammad Khan and for Vice-President Dr. Sudha Murty. But BJP and Modi, like always, made a surprise choice for both the offices.

I ruminate on the subject again in view of Dr. Sudha Murty being made the Rajya Sabha Member. A stepping stone for a higher office of either Vice-President or the President. I guess if Modi gets a third term and vacancy arises for the offices of President and Vice-President, Dr. Sudha Murty might reach the acme.

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# Yaduveer welcomed at Kodagu border

***BJP candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar offers** puja **to the statue of Goddess Cauvery at Kushalnagar, the entry point of Kodagu from Mysuru this morning. Yaduveer got a rousing reception from BJP workers and he is holding meetings with party workers and leaders in Madikeri.***

# I respect Mysore Royal Family

## but Yaduveer is an opponent: Sait

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (BLU&BCT)- Hours after Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, scion of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, secured a BJP ticket to contest from the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait expressed his respect for the royal family while acknowledging Yaduveer as his political opponent.

*Tanveer Sait*

"I have immense respect for the royal family and its members, but my focus remains on ensuring victory for the Congress candidate. Yaduveer's selection as the BJP candidate is an internal matter of their party and we refrain from commenting on it. The Congress party is gearing up to announce its candidate, and it's our duty to extend full support to our nominee," Sait stated while addressing reporters at the Congress Office yesterday.

Commenting on the denial of the BJP ticket to two-time MP Prathap Simha, Tanveer Sait remarked that this incident exemplifies the uncertainty prevalent in politics. "Prathap Simha is a dear friend of mine, and I had believed that he would secure the ticket again this time. The decision to deny him the ticket came as unexpected. Nevertheless, I extend my best wishes to Prathap Simha for his future endeavours now that it's clear he won't be contesting this time," Sait added.

# Siddartha Traffic Police install reflectors

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&VNS)- Siddarthanagar Traffic Police have fixed reflectors to trees and electric poles under their limits to prevent accidents during night hours and enable smooth flow of traffic.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Parashuramappa and staff fixed reflectors and reflector tapes not only on trees but on road medians as well.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Parashuramappa said that the reflectors were being fixed to trees and electric poles across the city to prevent accidents during night hours.

# MLAs inaugurate Dakshina Paaka & Hotel Continental Inn and Suites in city

*Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait and Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda cutting the ribbon to inaugurate Dakshina Paaka and Hotel Continental Inn and Suites at Unity Building near Mini Vidhana Soudha in Nazarbad yesterday as Hotel Owners Association President and Managing Partner of Sapthapadi Associates C. Narayanagowda, Sapthapadi Associates Partners K.R. Satyanarayana and Chikka Kempegowda, Congress leader Pradeep and others look on.*

## No grace marks for Second PU students

Bengaluru, Mar.15- Even as rumours that grace marks will be awarded to students who had appeared for Second PUC Physics paper held on Mar. 7 as the paper was found too difficult, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board has clarified that no grace marks will be awarded.

The Board, in a clarification, said that the circular dated Mar.10 on awarding grace marks, which is doing rounds is fake and is aimed at misleading students and parents.

PU Board Director H.N. Gopalakrishna said the circular that is doing the rounds on social media on giving grace marks for Physics paper as the Multiple Choice Questions were too tough, is absolutely fake. He said that the questions were based on NCERT text books, and clarified that the Board has not yet taken decision on awarding grace marks.

## Petrol prices cut by Rs. 2 a litre

Mysuru, Mar.15- With Lok Sabha polls round the corner, the Centre has cut fuel prices by Rs. 2 a litre with effect from today morning. Accordingly, the price of Petrol stands at Rs. 99.40 a Litre (earlier Rs.101.52) and Diesel at Rs. 85.54 (earlier Rs. 87.49) a litre in the city.

Recently, the Centre had cut the price of domestic LPG cylinder by Rs. 100, which had brought some relief in households.

## Golden Jubilee of MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad's political journey on Mar.17

*Sreenivasa Prasad*

Mysuru, Mar.15 (DM)- As Chamarajanagar BJP MP and former Union Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad completes 50 years of his political career (1974 to 2024), the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the political journey of the senior Politician will be held at the Convocation Hall, KSOU, Muktagangothri campus on Hunsur Road at 11 am on Mar. 17.

Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna will inaugurate the event at 11 am in the presence of another former Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily, former Minister and former Assembly Speaker Kagodu Thimmappa, former Minister P.G.R. Sindhia and a host of other political leaders.

Jnanpith awardee Nadoja Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara will release the felicitation volume.

MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad will be felicitated on the occasion.

### Former CMs S.M. Krishna and M. Veerappa Moily, former Assembly Speaker Kagodu Thimmappa and former Minister P.G.R. Sindhia to attend

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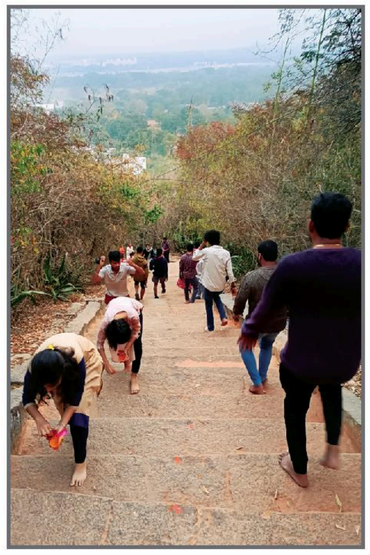
# Chamundi Hill Climbers



By B.N. Ramya

**Chamundi Hill, the revered abode of the presiding deity of Mysuru, Goddess Sri Chamundeshwari, stands as a prominent attraction drawing visitors from far and wide. This iconic landmark holds deep historical significance and religious reverence, captivating both the devout and nature enthusiasts alike with its enchanting environs.**

**Beyond its tourist allure and spiritual significance, Chamundi Hill is a source of inspiration for many residents of this Heritage City. For some, it doubles as a natural fitness centre, while others frequent it as a weekend retreat or simply to bask in the morning breeze or admire the sunset.**

**In a conversation with *Star of Mysore*, several individuals climbing the 1000+ steps regularly for fitness, communion with nature or rejuvenation shared their perspectives.** Here is what they have to say...

## A good weight loss mission

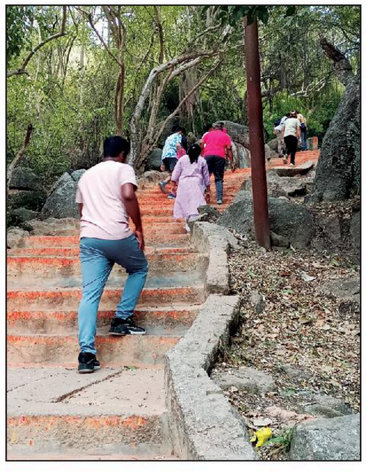
**K.R. Vinay,** a Safety Supervisor at Hitachi and a resident of J.P. Nagar, has been climbing the Hill for the past 6-8 years. "I used to be overweight, around 80-85 kg, which prompted me to start climbing regularly. Initially, I maintained a routine with occasional breaks. If I miss my morning climb, I make sure to go in the evening. Now, I've proudly shed weight and am down to 60+ kg," the 33-year-old said.

Vinay pedals to Suttur Mutt, parks his cycle, and continues on foot. "Occasionally, my cousin Pavan Athreya, an engineering college student, joins me," he added.

## Starting point Lalitha Mahal Helipad

**Rajendra,** a retired Assistant Commissioner (Commercial Tax) and a resident of Gururaja Layout, commenced his Hill-climbing regimen in 2013 alongside 7-8 friends. At 70 years old, he embarks on a brisk walk from his home at 5 am to ascend the Hill steps for fitness.

He explains, "I start from Lalitha Mahal Helipad, pass through Siddartha Layout, JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Pathanjali Arogya Centre, and the bus route connects to Khoday Guest House. This was the central meeting point earlier where our walking friends gathered for exercise and conversation. Later for a couple of years, we moved to the vicinity of Mahadeshwara Temple near Uttanahalli, which was and even now is an ideal place to do yoga and exercises. Since 2013, I have been climbing the Hill steps. On my descent, I walk down to Nandi by steps and then take the motorable road."



## Team Three climbing since 2010

**P.M. Manoj, a writer, H.S. Tejas, an employee at the Labour Department & Archaka at a Temple in Lakshmipuram, and K. Raghu Ram Bhat (RRB), an Advocate, all alumni of Maharaja's College, have been climbing the Hill since 2010.**

Manoj, a resident of Kalyanagiri, recounts, "We three were classmates during our degree days. It became a ritual for us to meet almost every evening at the temple where Tejas served as an Archaka. One evening, Bhat suggested we go to the Hill the next day, and so we did... That was a Sunday. I distinctly remember the date we started climbing the Hill: March 21, 2010. Initially, we went every Sunday. Then, in 2014, I began going every evening. After two years, I started going in the morning with a two-day break each week. While Tejas continues the weekend routine, Bhat, who inspired our Hill climb, joins us occasionally now. For me, the Hill has become an addiction."

Raghu Ram Bhat, a resident of Treasury Layout, shares, "I was pursuing my LLB at the time and wanted to cultivate the habit of waking up early for a fresh start to the day. That's why I suggested going to the Hill. Later, my friends continued the tradition. Due to leg injury sustained in a road accident, I had to pause, but now I occasionally join them to relive old memories."

Tejas, residing in Krishnamurthypuram, adds, "Hill climbing offers a unique experience. It's thrilling to work on improving your speed on the steps. After a hectic week, time spent on the Hill is a refreshing escape into nature. Having tea at the top and reminiscing about our college days is a cherished tradition."

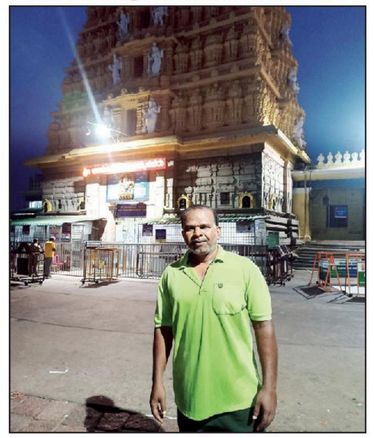
## Holds a special allure

**Krishna Prakash,** a retired bank employee and a resident of Dattagalli, has faithfully ascended the Hill steps daily for the past 7-8 years. "It's a passion of mine. I don't come here solely for fitness; the Hill holds a special allure for me. I enjoy long walks and have ventured on numerous treks. Before retirement, I would visit whenever time permitted, but now it's a routine. I take steps while climbing and explore different paths on my descent," the 68-year-old said.

**Bharath P. Gowda,** a regular Hill climber since 2019, initiated his routine during his 3rd year of Engineering studies at MIT Belavadi.

"I began solo climbing for fitness purposes. I cycle to the foothills, spend time meditating in front of the Hill Temple and engage in exercise," shares the 25-year-old, who hails from Shivamogga. Despite working for a private company in Bengaluru, Bharath resides in Vidyaranyapuram out of his deep affection for Mysuru and Chamundi Hill.

## Prioritising health above all else



**Kumar (Annaiah) from Ashokapuram,** employed at the Fisheries Board, has been a dedicated Hill climber since 1988-89, prioritising his health above all else. "I used to actively participate in Kabaddi and football. It all began when all Kabaddi players from the Ashoka Sports Club were encouraged to climb the Hill, and I've continued the tradition ever since," the 54-year-old says.

## Accomplishing feat since 1992

**H. Vittal,** a 72-year-old builder (Civil Engineer) and a resident of V.V. Mohalla, reminisces about his Hill-climbing days, which began in 1992 with a group of 14 individuals, including doctors and businessmen, with notable figures like R.N. Murthy, R. Guru of Cycle Pure Agarbathis, and Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* K.B. Ganapathy among them.

Vittal shared, "I used to be a regular walker, then transitioned to climbing steps. Even during the COVID lockdown, I continued my ascent, albeit from the Thavarekatte entrance due to entry restrictions. Earlier, I would park my vehicle at Suttur Mutt and take steps from the foothill. Of late, I come in my four-wheeler, park it at Thavarekatte, walk by motorable road until the Nandi, and then climb the steps to reach Chamundi Temple before returning."

## At least four days a week

**L. Prajith,** a 22-year-old pursuing his first year of M.Sc in Molecular Biology at the University of Mysore and a resident of J.P. Nagar, has made a habit of pedalling to the foothills and climbing steps at least four days a week.

"It all started with one of my school friends, Vishal (Kendriya Vidyalaya 2019), who was an athlete. Although he no longer joins, I've become a regular post-COVID and make it a point to climb steps at least four days a week," Prajith, an avid trekker and adventure enthusiast, says.

Notably, Prajith has excelled in Hill step-climbing competitions, managing to ascend the 1000+ odd steps in just 10 minutes. A proud alumnus of Yuvaraja's College, Prajith is the son of Narayanaswamy, a BEML employee, and Vatsala, a teacher.

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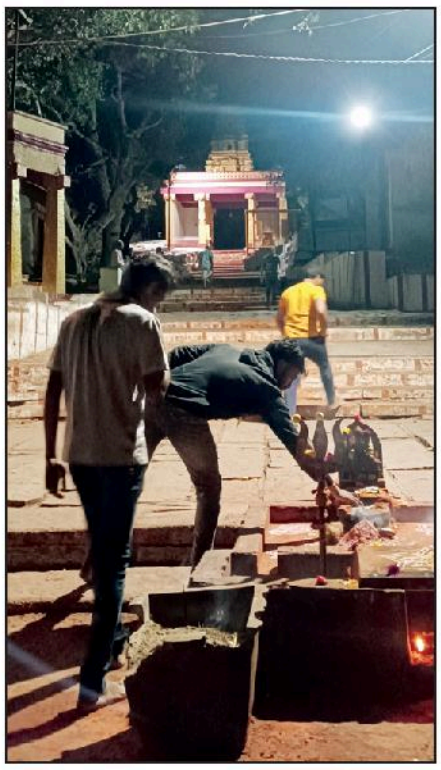
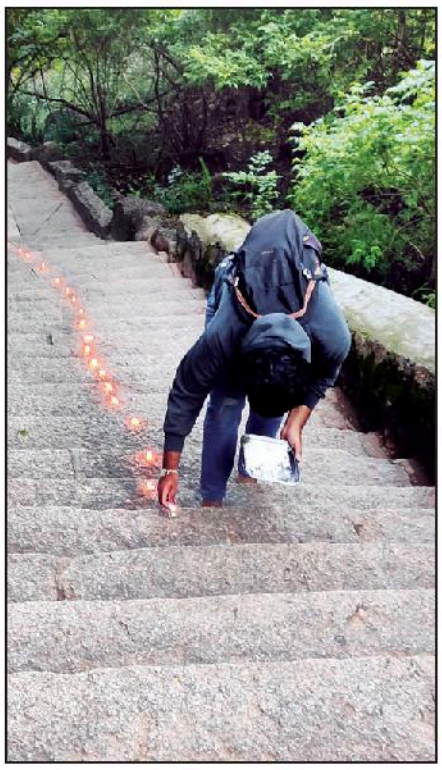
[Pics. by B.N. Ramya]

# Vows and occasions for climbers

When it comes to devotion, individuals undertake various rituals and vows, such as applying kumkum and turmeric to all 1000+ steps, lighting camphor, placing flowers along the steps, and some even climbing the Hill on their knees. The climbing of steps sees a significant surge during Ashada Fridays and Rathotsava annually, as well as on auspicious days like Tuesdays and Fridays, when devotees seek blessings.

Furthermore, weekends and general holidays witness a large influx of people, including tech professionals seeking stress relief, regular walkers, gym-goers looking to incorporate cardio exercises, and enthusiasts using the foothills as a backdrop for photoshoots.

Chamundi Hill also serves as a training ground for athletes, trekkers, trainee Police officers and gym enthusiasts, who utilise the steps to gauge their endurance levels before undertaking more rigorous activities.

In addition to step climbing, many individuals engage in exercises, meditation or yoga at the foothill regularly, occasionally incorporating stair climbing into their routine. The foothill also serves as a favourite gathering spot for elderly individuals, who convene with friends to spend their morning hours in camaraderie.

## Started as a schoolboy; continues at 50

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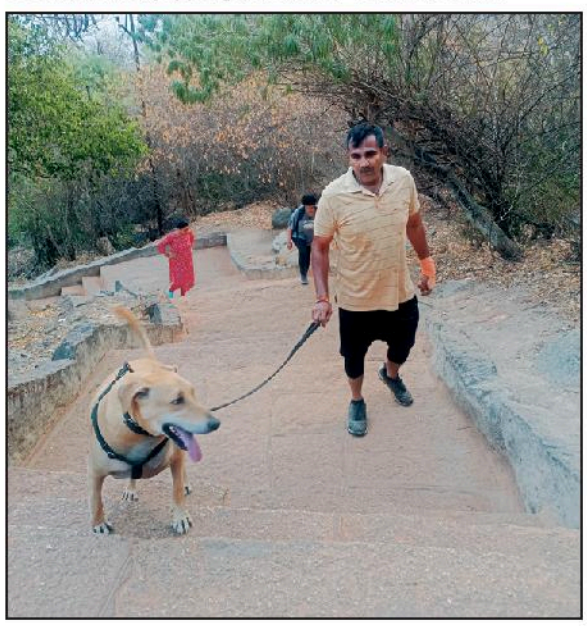
**Mahesh Pandit,** an all-India level wrestling medallist and a resident of Ramanuja Road, can be seen scaling Chamundi Hill with his dog 'Jimmy' almost daily. His routine stems from childhood, as this 50-year-old has been climbing since he was 12. "I began the feat during my wrestling training which started when I was in the 4th standard. University Wrestling Coach L. Manjappa guided me," Pandit recalls.



Pandit comes from a family of wrestlers, with his grandfather Siddappa and father Bhyrappa also being Pailwans. Pandit has a track record of medals in various events at local, University, State and National levels. In 1993, he joined the Police Department through sports quota and currently serves as a Head Constable at Narasimharaja Traffic Police Station.

Pandit says, "I had won a competition during my school days, finishing the climb in just 11 minutes and that motivated me to work on my speed and even recently, a few months back, I won the second place by clocking 13 minutes."

"As kids, our wrestling coach would bring us to the Hill steps. Now, I prefer going alone. While I welcome company, I don't wait for anyone. Waiting can lead to laziness and the tendency to opt for easier exercise, so I prefer the solitude of exercising alone," he reveals.

"My brother, Pailwan Shankar Chakravarty, often cautions me against frequent climbs, expressing concerns about potential bone density loss. However, maintaining a balanced diet, including foods like ragi malt and ample fruits, has kept me free from any discomfort. I ascend the Hill steps daily and two or three days in a week, I climb twice. On one notable occasion, I pushed myself further, completing eight rounds of climbing from 4.30 am to 9.20 am, inspired by a Forest Department personnel who achieved ten rounds in a single session during Dasara," he adds.

Talking about his workout companion, Pandit says, "Jimmy came into my life when a litter was found at our Police Station. I brought one puppy home and named him Jimmy. Since then, he's been my Hill-climbing companion. During cold weather, Jimmy joins me for two rounds, while in hot seasons, I take him for a single round. Jimmy, a Desi breed dog, has also won a couple of dog shows," he says.

"My Hill-climbing schedule adjusts according to my duty. Even if work starts at 6.30 am, I ensure to begin my ritual by 4.30 am. Like we never skip breakfast or lunch, I never skip Hill climbing," he concludes.

# Congress Government's Guarantee Convention in city to woo voters

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (MTY&VNS)- With the Election Commission of India (ECI) set to issue notification for the ensuing Lok Sabha Polls tomorrow (Mar. 16), the Congress-led State Government has made elaborate arrangements for the Guarantee Schemes convention at Maharaja's College Grounds here today.

Congress party, which won the 2023 Assembly Polls, securing 135 seats out of 224 seats, riding piggyback on Five Guarantee Schemes, has been organising a series of conventions across the State to highlight the pre-election promises being fulfilled benefitting lakhs of people.

Despite soaring temperature, a large number of people especially women from all over the city and district, were seen arriving at the venue in KSRTC buses as early as 12 noon today. The beneficiaries, who entered the venue early, were seen vying to grab chairs in the front row to have a clear view of the event.

In the wake of recent bomb blast at Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru, the Police are leaving no stone unturned to ensure tight security at the venue. People are being thoroughly frisked at the entry point. This apart, Door Framed Metal Detectors were installed at the entrance to check for sharp weapons and other lethal items.

Police personnel have also been deployed at various points to keep a watch on the people. CCTV cameras have been installed to keep a hawk-eye view on the proceedings.

The roads leading to the convention have been barricaded with the Police allowing only the beneficiaries at the venue. LED screens have also been installed at different locations for the live screening of the event. With more than 50,000 people expected to turn up, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has made drinking water arrangements through water tankers.

The State Government is also showcasing its five guarantee schemes – Shakti, Gruha Lakshmi, Gruha Jyothi, Anna Bhagya and Yuva Nidhi — by putting up stalls at the convention venue. People were seen visiting these stalls as the convention was yet to commence when we went to the press.

# Hectic lobby for Congress LS tickets

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However, despite numerous aspirants seeking meetings with him and actively lobbying for their candidature, Siddaramaiah has opted to maintain a strategic silence, refraining from engaging with the media and keeping his decision closely guarded.

**Dr. N.S. Mohan meets CM**

Just two days after being denied the BJP ticket to contest from the Chamarajanagar (SC) Constituency, Dr. N.S. Mohan, the son-in-law of sitting BJP MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, visited Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his Ramakrishnanagar residence this morning.

Their meeting lasted about 15 minutes, during which they are believed to have discussed the possibility of Dr. Mohan joining the Congress.

Dr. Mohan was among several aspirants vying for the BJP ticket in the Chamarajanagar seat, following Sreenivasa Prasad's announcement that he would retire from electoral politics and not contest the polls again.

However, after being denied the party ticket, Dr. Mohan reportedly met Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Thursday to explore the option of joining the Congress and contesting the LS polls from Chamarajanagar if guaranteed the ticket.

Today's meeting between Dr. Mohan and CM Siddaramaiah has stirred curiosity in political circles, particularly since Sreenivasa Prasad has emerged as a vocal critic of Siddaramaiah.

**Turn of Kote M. Shivanna**

Following Dr. Mohan's visit, another BJP leader, Kote M. Shivanna, met with the CM this morning. Shivanna, a former Minister, is reportedly disappointed by the BJP's decision to deny him the ticket from the Chamarajanagar Constituency.

Amidst the ongoing political developments, it's rumoured that Shivanna, spurred by his discontent with the BJP, is considering a switch to the Congress. However, the specifics of his conversation with the CM remain confidential.

**Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar's visit**

Meanwhile, Congress District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, a hopeful candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu seat, also conferred with the CM, discussing matters about the party ticket. Meanwhile, Congress aspirant from Mysuru-Kodagu M. Lakshmana — confident of securing the ticket —has already started his groundwork in Kodagu by tagging along Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna during the latter's visits in interior parts.

Adding to the political flurry, former Kollegal MLA G.N. Nanjundaswamy also visited the CM at his Ramakrishnanagar residence this morning to assert his claim for the Congress ticket from Chamarajanagar.

**Siddu builds new house**

Following these discussions with various political figures, CM Siddaramaiah, who arrived in Mysuru yesterday and spent the night, took some time to hear out public grievances before proceeding to Kuvempunagar to oversee the ongoing construction of his new residence.

The current residence in Ramakrishnanagar, belonging to Siddaramaiah's close associate Mariswamy, serves as temporary accommodation to the CM. Sources indicate that the CM's new house on Vishwamanava Double Road in Kuvempunagar is nearing completion. Once finished, Siddaramaiah plans to relocate there.

**Avoids media, goes for lunch**

After inspecting his under-construction residence in Kuvempunagar, Siddaramaiah returned to his home in Ramakrishnanagar. Shortly thereafter, he departed for a private choultry to attend a 'Beegara Oota' event, a traditional lunch hosted for families of newlywed couples. During the event at the choultry, former MP KagalwadiShivanna, accompanied by his daughter, engaged in discussions with Siddaramaiah. Despite the presence of waiting media persons, Siddaramaiah refrained from making any statements and swiftly left the venue.

Later, around 1 pm, Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi and daughter-in-law Smitha Rakesh also arrived for the lunch.


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FROM THE BALCONY

By Sunita Menon
Psychotherapist - Specialised in CBT & Sex Therapy

# Behavioural Addictions

In my practice I see more clients with behavioural addictions than chemical addictions. The definition of addiction is constantly evolving. DSM-5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition) has a chapter titled 'Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders' reflecting both chemical and behavioural addictions. The latest addition to this chapter being Gambling addiction. Other behavioural addictions include Internet Gaming, Social Media, Sex, Pornography and Cybersex, Love (an obsessive unhealthy preoccupation with a loved one), Non-suicidal Self-Injury, Food, Exercise, Work and Shopping.

The amount of time spent engaging in these behaviours isn't the determinant to whether an addiction to a behaviour exists or not. There is this fine line between excessive and addictive. So the two necessary criteria required to label any behaviour as an addiction are: engagement in the said behaviour persisting for over a period of time and this engagement leading to distress, impaired functioning and harm to the individual. For example, a teenager spending 8-10 hours a day on internet gaming and being non-functional academically. Or an adult, shopping relentlessly and racking up huge credit card bills and loans that cannot be serviced anymore.

In Therapy we follow the 4 Cs of addiction model. Essentially it means checking in to see if the addictive behaviour is Compulsive, out of Control, with negative Consequences and with the presence of constant Cravings. Important to mention here the reward circuitry activated (neuroscience) in our brain when a behaviour is addictive. Rewards can be natural (biologically reinforced to promote survival) and not natural (learnt behaviours that are assigned values). Examples of the former would be drinking water to quench a thirst or eating food to satisfy hunger. And examples of not natural rewards would be behaviours that include gambling, winning a bet, getting on social media and many such. The neuro-transmitter involved with this process in the brain is Dopamine.

So every time our brain experiences a reward from a particular behaviour, it involves motivation (of wanting the 'reward'), pleasure (of liking the 'reward') and learning (associating the 'reward' with a positive effect, thereby assigning a value to it and then remembering the source). But do bear in mind that wanting and liking don't necessarily need to go together. For instance, how many tobacco smokers have you heard saying that they want to give up smoking because they don't enjoy it anymore but nevertheless smoke cigarettes constantly. So don't blame it all on Dopamine.

Add to this, factors like a genetic predisposition, introduction to addictive behaviours during developmental stages of the brain (adolescence for instance), social networks, culture, personality traits and environment (trauma in childhood for example) further make us susceptible to behaviour addictions. We call it the

bio-psychosocial factors — that come together to facilitate addictions.

So clients obviously believe that there is then a sense of inevitability to their addiction. 'I'm wired this way, I can't help it! It's useless trying to get over it. I'll surely slip back.' As Therapists it becomes our job then to instil hope in them.

Neuro-plasticity is the magic word. Our brain is so amazing. It can change. We can make our neutrons actually 'rewire' themselves to function differently. And all it takes is addressing Negative Automatic Thinking (NAT) and learning new behaviours to form healthy habits. Consistency, discipline and patience is what therapeutic interventions will arm you with to mindfully make the change required ■

# De Paul College hosts two-day International Conference in Hindi

Mysuru, Mar. 15- A two-day International Hindi Conference with the theme '*Nayi Sadi Ka Sahitya: Hindi Kannada Ka Visesh Sandarb*' was organised by the Language Department of De Paul College, Mysuru, recently in collaboration with Kendra Hindi Sansthan, Agra.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Laxmi Kanta Chawla, former Health Minister, Government of Punjab and Dr. Ajai Kumar Singh, former Karnataka DG and IGP, by lighting the traditional lamp.

Delivering her inaugural address, Laxmi Kanta Chawla expressed her happiness over the international conference, to discuss both Hindi and Kannada literature, being organised in Mysuru.

"South Indian languages should be taught in North India and the North Indian languages including Hindi should be taught in the South as it will help in strengthening the emotional integration of the country, which I recommended when I served as the Minister in Government of Punjab," she said.

Chawla asked, 'When we teach Spanish, Russian and other languages why are our languages such as Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam not being taught in the North Indian region?'

IGP (Internal Security Division, Bengaluru) Dr. Vipul Kumar IPS; Bengaluru North University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Niranjan Vanalli; DBHPS, Chennai, former Vice-Chancellor and former Director, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Prof. Ram Mohan Pathak; Institute of Higher Education and Research former Chairman Dr. Rishabdev Sharma; Poet and Columnist Prof. Siddalinga Pattana Shetty; Kannada and Hindi Translator Prof. Prabhashankar 'Premi' and Celebrity Chef and JiV Joint Secretary Moksha Sharma; College Vice-Principal and Conference Organising Secretary Rev. Dr. Joy CM; Dean of Studies and Conference Joint Secretary Dr. Shijo Antony CM; Conference Convenor Dr. Sathyanarayana Mamatha and others were present.

*DE SMARIKA,* conference proceedings book, which includes messages from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and scholars such as Padma Shri Tomio Mizokami of Japan, Prof. Tatayana Orisyanka of Germany, Prof Heins Werner Wessler of Sweden, Hindi International papers published by De Paul College alumni students from Canada, Australia, UAE and USA was released by Dr. Vipul Kumar, IPS and International Standard Book Number (ISBN) book was released by Prof. Ram Mohan Pathak. About 175 delegates attended the conference where a total of 36 papers were presented of which 30 were in Hindi and 6 in Kannada.

Four technical sessions were chaired by Dr. Sudha Ramesh, Dr. Nirmala, Prof. Siddhalingana Pattana Shetty and Prof. T.G. Prabhashankar Premi. De Paul College also invited Prof. Pratibah Mudaliar, Dr. Hema Pattana Shetty, Dr. Prabhu Sena, Dr. Nagarathna Rao and Dr. Sudha as the speakers for the sessions.

The International Hindi Conference concluded with the distribution of certificates by chief guest Prof. A.G. Sriram, Principal of DHBPS Hindi BEd College to the participants at the valedictory programme.

The event was sponsored by JiV, an NGO started by like-minded people with a motto of educating, conserving and empowering people in the field of education, environment and social welfare in Mysuru.

## Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, is continuing with its initiative to conduct monthly cultural events since June 2023 to showcase Indian performing arts under the banner "Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava."

The 'Maagha' edition in this series will be held on Saturday (Mar. 16) at 4.30 pm at Champaka Sabhangana in Ramakrishnannagar, showcasing Bharatanatyam performances by accomplished artistes from Bengaluru and Mysuru.

The evening will start with a Bharatanatyam feature Srimad Adishankara's "Kanakadhaara" showcasing a popular composition of Adi Shankaracharya by Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy.

Vidushi Veena Gangadhar, Founder and Director of Natya Taranga Nrityala, Bengaluru along with her disciples will present a Bharatanatyam feature.

Disciples of Vidushi Dr. Sheela Sridhar, Founder and Director of Bharatanjali Nritya and Yoga Trust, Mysuru will present a Bharatanatyam feature as the concluding performance.

B.N. Pramodh, Co-founder of AcademiAI, Startup Mentor and Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy, Renowned General & Laparoscopic Surgeon, Mysuru, will be the chief guests.

# Sri Ganayogi Panchakshari, Puttaraja Music Fest on Mar. 17

*Ganayogi Panchakshari-Puttaraja*

Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, is celebrating Ganayogi Panchakshari-Puttaraja Music Festival at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, on Mar. 17 at 5.30 pm.

The programme starts with a grand Sarod recital by **Pt. Sachin Hampemane** accompanied by **Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanur** on tabla.

This will be followed by a grand Hindustani vocal recital by **Pt. Avinash Kumar** accompanied by **Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath** on harmonium and **Pt. Meghashyam Keshav** on tabla.

**PROFILES**

**Sachin Hampemane** comes from a family of Musicians. After being trained in tabla for about 10 years from Pt. Ramesh Dhannur, Sachin also took interest in Sarod and is under the able tutelage of legend Pt. Taranath. He is being trained in Allaudin Maihar Gharana style of sarod playing for the last 12 years and has presented Sarod recitals at various platforms.

*Pt. Sachin Hampemane*

*Pt. Avinash Kumar*

*Pt. Bhimashankar*

*Pt. Veerabhadraiah*

*Pt. Meghashyam*

**Pt. Avinash Kumar** is an Assistant Professor of Indian classical music at the University of Delhi. He has had his tutelage in Hindustani vocal music under stalwarts like Pt. Tushar Dutt (Kirana & Agra), Pt. Somanath Mardur (Kirana), Ustad Aftab Ahmed Khan (Rampur Sahaswan), Pt. Purna Chandra Chakraborty and Sadhana Chatterjee. He has performed at prestigious Music Festivals in India and abroad.

**Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanur** is a disciple of Pt. Puttaraja Gawai and was trained at Veereshwara Punyashrama, Gadag.

**Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath** is a stalwart in Hindustani music, a great vocalist and also a much sought-after Harmonium artiste. He is a disciple of Pt. Puttaraja Gawai of Veereshwara Punyashrama, Gadag and Pt. Indudhar Nirody. He has accompanied many well-known artistes of National and International repute.

**Pt. Meghashyam Keshav** is a Software Engineer by profession and his passion is tabla. He has received training from Pt. Vishwanath Nakod, Pt. Udayraj Karpur and from Pt. Anindo Chatterjee. An A Grade artiste of AIR, he has accompanied top ranking Hindustani musicians.

# Bhakti Sangeetha at BVB

Mysuru, Mar. 15- As part of its monthly music programme, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, along with BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, has organised Bhakti Sangeetha by Vidu. Spoorthi Rao at BVB premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, on Mar. 16 at 6 pm. She will be accompanied by C.V. Shruthi on violin and Aduthurai G. Guruprasadh on mridanga.

**Spoorthi Rao**, 18, is a student of Vidushis Ranjani-Gayatri for the last 9 years. Initiated into music by her mother, she started formal training in devotional music from Parthu Nemani, Naraharı Dixit and Karnatak vocal from Vidu. Yashasvi Subbarao in Bengaluru.

After winning the reality show Super Singer Junior 4 at age 9, her family moved to Chennai to nurture her talent. She performed a world tour with cine music stalwarts in London, Australia, Singapore, Canada and Sri Lanka as part of Super Singer and recently, completed her maiden Karnatak USA Spring Tour with over 15 concerts in April-May 2023.

She gave her debut Karnatak vocal concert in RR Sabha in 2019, after which she has been performing full-house concerts in many prestigious venues.

**C.V. Shruthi**, 23, born in a music family, has been interested in music from her childhood. She started learning vocal from her grandfather and violin at the age of 10 from Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy. Presently she is undergoing music training under Vidu. Akkarai Sisters. She is an A Grade artiste of AIR-Mysuru and has won several awards and accolades.

*Vidu. Spoorthi Rao*

*C.V. Shruthi*

*Guruprasadh*

**Aduthurai G. Guruprasadh,** a Karnatak classical music percussionist is known for his proficiency in playing mridanga. Born on May 27, 1995, he hails from Aduthurai but later moved to Chennai to pursue both his studies and musical career. He completed his B.Com in Banking Management from D.G. Vaishnav College and MA in Rythmology from Madras University. His musical lineage traces back to his father's uncle, Kunisseri U. Krishnamani Iyer, who is the Guru of Mannargudi A. Easwaran. He received his initial training under Kumbakonam K. Swaminathan and is currently under *Sangeetha Choodamani* Mannargudi A. Easwaran.

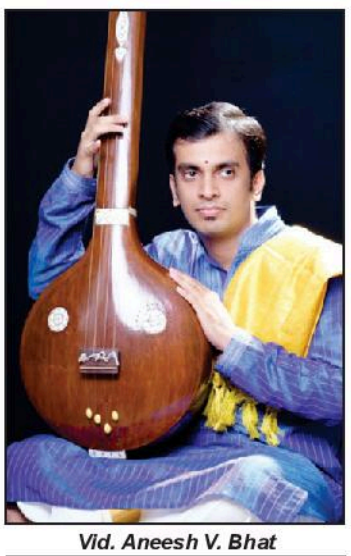
# Karnatak vocal concert tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru, has organised 'Music for Wellness' 96th Music Concert on Mar.16 (Saturday) from 6 pm onwards at Sri Bidaram Krishnappanavara Prasanna Seetharama Mandira Narayana Shastry Road here.

On the occasion, a grand Karnatak vocal concert will be presented by Vid. Aneesh V. Bhat accompanied by Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata.

**Profile:** Aneesh V. Bhat is a well-known name to be reckoned with in the field of Karnatak classical music who originally hails from southern part of Karnataka. He had his initial training in Karnatak vocal and mridanga under the guidance of Vidu. Kanchana A. Ishwara Bhat, Puttur and presently he is continuing advanced level training under the guidance of Vid. Kalaimamani Dr. R. Suryaprakash.

Aneesh Bhat was born Oct.8, 1992 to Venkatesha Bhat, Balekkala and Radha V. Bhat in a small town called Manjeshwar in



*Vid. Aneesh V. Bhat*

Kasaragod District of Kerala. He started performing on stage at a tender age of 9 and thereafter presented a number of concerts in and around Karnataka and other neighbouring States. Now, he is undergoing advanced level training in the percussion instrument 'mridanga' also.

He has attained "B-High" grade in Karnatak classical vocal music category of All India Radio and Doordarshan, Mangaluru.

He has secured the National-level award "Yuva Kala Mani" from Mani Krishnaswamy Academy in the year 2019 for excellence in Karnatak vocal music.

He has secured "Raga Dhana Pallavi Prashasti" from Raagadhana, Udupi in the year 2019 for excellence in Pallavi singing; "Shri Sharada Yuva Puraskar" for excellence in Karnatak music from Shri Sharada Sangeetha Sabha, Shringeri in 2023; 'TR Krishnan Memorial young talent award' from Sangeetha Parishath, Mangaluru in 2009.

Aneesh V. Bhat has secured Fellowship from Karnataka Sangeetha Nrithya Academy, for the year 2010-2011 in the category of Karnatak classical vocal music.

He has performed in almost all prestigious sabhas like Malleshwaram Sangeetha Sabha, Bengaluru Gayana Samaja, JSS Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, Sangeetha Parishath, Mangaluru, Mani Krishnaswami Academy, Mangaluru, Ganabharathi, Mysuru and a number of other reputed sabhas in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

# Memorial concerts on Saturday, Sunday

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised A.V. Prakash memorial concerts on Saturday and Sunday (Mar. 16 and 17) at Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Chandramouleeshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla, at 6 pm.

On Mar.16, Vid. Vivek Sadashivam will present a vocal concert, accompanied by Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan on violin, Vid. Saishivu Lakshmikeshav on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

On Mar.17, Vid. Samrudh Srinivas will perform on flute with support by Vid. C.V. Shruthi, Vid. P. Nataraj and Vid. S. Manjunath on violin, mridanga and ghata respectively.

**Artistes' Profile**

Vid. Vivek Sadashivam is a prominent promising young talent of classical music. Hailing from a family of musicians of Dikshitar's tutelage, he learnt music from his great-grand-father Vid. A. Anantharaman Iyer, Kolkata, grand

*Vid. Vivek*

*Vid. Samrudh*

aunt Vidu. A. Champakavalli and his parents, A. Sadashivam and Revathi Sadashivam. He is also being trained by Vid. R.N. Thyagarajan and Sangeetha Kalanidhi Sanjay Subrahmanyan.

An 'A' graded artiste of AIR, he has participated in South Zone and National programmes of Doordarshan and Akashavani.

Vid. Samrudh is a disciple of Vid. A.V. Prakash and later he continued to hone his skills under the tutelage of Vid. A.P. Krishnaprasad. A dedicated protégée of late A.V. Prakash and A.P. Krishna Prasad, his journey with flute began in childhood, laying the foundation for a deep-rooted musical ethos, striving to forge a deep connection with his audience through universal language of music.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Emulate

**Pronunciation:** EM-yuh-layt (verb)
**Meaning:** If you emulate someone or something, you try to be like that person or thing. The word is used especially when one is trying to equal or surpass someone in accomplishment or achievement.
**Origin:** They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but we'll posit that emulation is even more so. What's the difference between imitating and emulating? Sometimes not a thing: emulate can be used as a synonym of imitate, as in "a painter who emulates her teacher's style." But more often, emulate is about trying to equal or surpass someone you admire by striving to master what they've accomplished. The word was adopted in the late 16th century from a form of the Latin word aemulārī, meaning "to vie with; to rival; to imitate." Imitate was adopted about fifty years earlier from a form of the Latin word imitārī, meaning "to follow as a pattern; to copy." Emulate emulated its success.
**Example:** "In the present era, stanning has become a regular part of pop and online culture. Online communities celebrate, praise and emulate music stars such as Beyoncé, Mariah Carey, Nicki Minaj, Rihanna, Cardi B, and Megan Thee Stallion." — Daric L. Cottingham, Essence, 15 Feb. 2023

## THE ODD WORD

### Gadzooks

Mild oath.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### An axe to grind

**Meaning:** When you say you have 'An axe to grind' you mean that you have a grievance.
**Origin:** Although there are a few theories about the origin of the expression 'An axe to grind,' one of the most popular comes from a proverbial story dating back to the mid-1800s, in which a man convinces a boy to turn a grindstone so that he can sharpen an axe. When the school bell rings, the man scolds the boy for being late and does not pay him. Therefore, the boy now has 'An axe to grind' with the man who owes him money.
**Example:** "I have an axe to grind with the boss. This is the last time he's going to make me stay late on a Friday night."

## QUOTE BOX

To live is to think. —**Marcus Tullius Cicero**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SMOKE
G

*Answer: Go up in smoke.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Outer garment
5 Dill - "neat" break-up?
9 Law enforcement agency
12 Fairy tale beginning
13 Veni, Vidi, ____ : I came, I saw, I conquered?
14 Operations, in short and colloquially
15 State in central India (6,7)
18 A master of ceremonies
19 Distinctive air
20 Large deer
22 Bottomless gulf
26 Everlasting
30 Ninth month, abbr.
31 A positive vote
32 Cuttlefish pigment
34 A golfer drives off from one
35 The place or post of control?
37 This victory is too costly
39 Extemporize (2-3)
41 Electronic Industries Assoc.
42 Organic bonding position - "team" change?
45 From that time on
49 Rising early (2,4,3,4)
53 Assoc. Med. Off.
54 Ballerina's skirt
55 One of the Great Lakes
56 A river of Scotland
57 "Seen" anagram for a slave?
58 Drops the bait lightly

**DOWN**
1 ___ out : emerge or become known?
2 Keralan festival
3 Current types (2-2)
4 Giggled or sniggered
5 Actress Gardner
6 Palm - "pain" anagram ?
7 Unbleached linen
8 Half-crown
9 An enemy
10 Bits Per Second, abbr.
11 "Like" suffix
16 Cries, hollers
17 Small amounts
21 Livelihood
23 Abominable snowman?
24 Plan detail
25 Fr. holy title
26 Looked at keenly
27 Another form of "Helen"
28 Secret agent ?
29 King or father, archaically speaking?
31 A cry of joy, it's said
33 Come up
36 Heroine of La Boheme
38 ___ a cab : called a taxi?
40 Hollywood great ____ Davis
43 In this way
44 Memo starter
46 Ex-Indian captain __ Contractor
47 Child's bed
48 ___ out : makes last longer?
49 United Arab Emirates
50 Performance Mgmnt. Sys.
51 Chinese frying pan
52 Tint

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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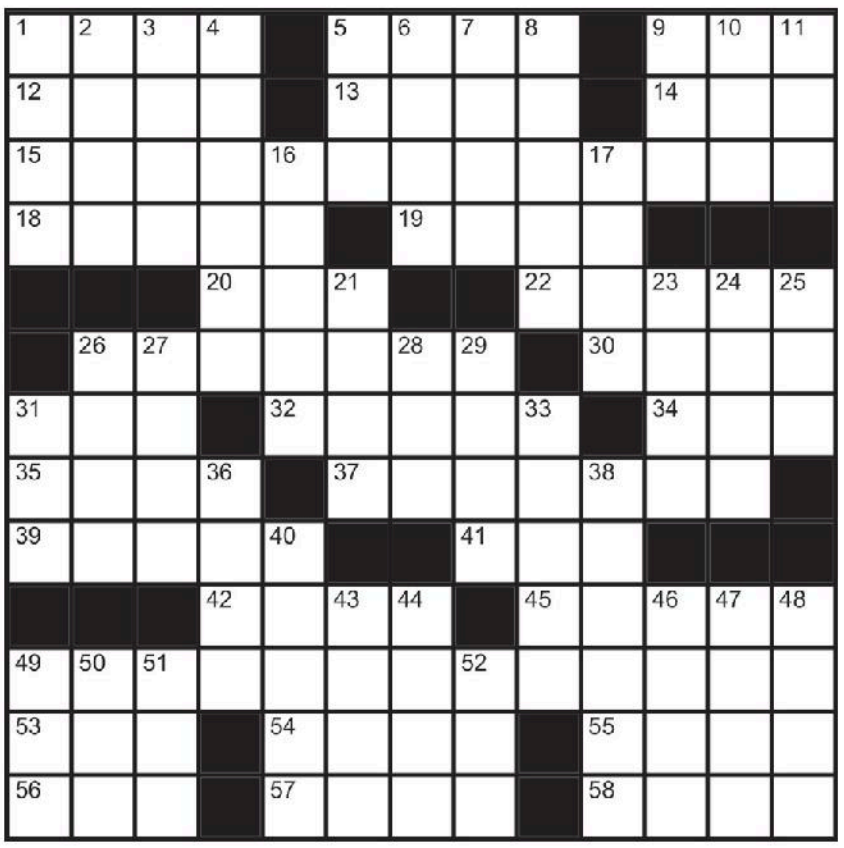

## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 7 |
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**LV CLHC SVMBVECM LXNMVQT XM MHTV TSYN YCLVSM.**

**LV PVHSM H EYHC YT NHXQ CLHC IYIV EHI BXVSEV.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS H**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** This is the best kind of voyeurism, hearing joy from your neighbours.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  *Kerebete (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  *Jackie (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  *Somu Sound Engineer (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  *Hide and Seek (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  *Karataka Dhamanaka (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  *Karataka Dhamanaka (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  *Yodha (H)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  *Shaitaan (H) - 4 Shows*
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  *Siren 108 (Ta)* - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  *Siren 108 (Ta)* - 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

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| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 10.20 am, 5.45 pm, 7.50, 9.55 pm |
| *Karataka Damanaka (K)* | (S-1) | 12.25 pm; (S-2) 7.15 pm |
| *Chow Chow Bath (K)* | (S-1) | 3.25 pm |
| *Hide and Seek (K)* | (S-2) | 10.25 am |
| *Dune Part 2 (E)* | (S-2) | 1.00 pm |
| *Article 370 (H)* | (S-2) | 4.10 pm |
| *Somu Sound Engineer (K)* | (S-2) | 10.15 pm |
| *Mehbooba (K)* | (S-3) | 10.50 am |
| *Kerebete (K)* | (S-3) | 1.35 pm |
| *Bastar - Naxal Story (H)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | (S-3) | 7.00 pm |
| *Razakar (Te)* | (S-3) | 9.45 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | (S-4) | 8 am, 10.50 am, 10.10 pm |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | (S-4) | 1.45 pm |
| *Yodha (H)* | (S-4) | 4.30 pm, 7.20 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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| *Jackie (K)* | : | 10.15 am, 1.15 pm |
| *Yodha (H)* | : | 10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | : | 11.30 am, 4.15 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Karataka Damanaka (K)* | : | 1.15 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Hide and Seek (K)* | : | 2:05 pm |
| *Bastar: Naxal Story (H)* | : | 4.15 pm, 6.45 pm |
| *Razakar (K)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *Razakar (Te)* | : | 9.30 pm |
| *Mehabooba (K)* | : | 4.35 pm |
| *Chow Chow Bath (K)* | : | 7.10 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

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| *Kung Fu panda 4 (E-3D)* | : | 10am, 12.15pm, 3.05pm, 5.20pm, 7.35pm |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | : | 10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | : | 10.10am, 1.15pm, 4.20pm, 7.25, 10.30pm |
| *Mehabooba (K)* | : | 10.15 am |
| *Yodha (H)* | : | 10.20am, 1.15pm, 4.10pm, 7.05pm, 10pm |
| *Karataka Damanaka (K)* | : | 12.15 pm, 6.15 pm |
| *Kerebete (K)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 2.30 pm |
| *Bastar: Naxal Story (H)* | : | 3.30 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Hide and Seek (K)* | : | 4.25 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | : | 7.15 pm |
| *Photo (K)* | : | 10.20 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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| *Somu Sound Engineer (K)* | : | 10 am |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | : | 10.20 am, 3 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Yodha (H)* | : | 10.25 am, 1.20 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Bastar: Naxal Story (H)* | : | 10.50 am, 7.35 pm |
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | : | 12.45 pm, 5.55 pm, 8.10 pm, 10.25 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | : | 1.10 pm, 7.20 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | : | 1.35 pm |
| *Karataka Damanaka (K)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Blink (K)* | : | 4.40 pm |

# EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 15)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Annual Celebrations, Sandyarati, **5.30 pm;** Discourse in Kannada by Swami Tyagishwaranandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Davanagere, on 'Vatsalyamayi Srimate Sharada Devi,' **5.45 pm;** Flute and Mandolin programme by Sumana and Shivaram, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6.45 pm to 8.15 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi, Mysuru:** Karnatak vocal concert by Vidu. Srimatha Ramanand accompanied by Vid. Amogh Nadadur on violin, Vid. Adamya Ramanand on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Kadamba Ranga Vedike:** Presentation of Rotary Kadamba Theatre Award' on Shylaja and Gejje Hejje Udaykumar and staging of a Kannada comedy play 'Namgen Belene Elva' by Bengaluru's Payana Theatre Group, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

# EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 16)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Sri Raghavendraswamy Pattabhisheka and Vardhanti Mahotsava, Abhisheka, Mahayaga and Homas, **7.30 am;** Purnahuti, **10.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **12 noon,** Prasada distribution, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **1 pm.**
- **Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** Mindfest - College Quiz, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Mysuru Art Gallery:** Two-day exhibition of Rani S. Nagavala's artworks, Theatre and TV artiste Deepa Ravishankar inaugurates, Mysuru Art Gallery Founder President L. Shivalingappa presides, Gallery premises, 12th Cross, Ramanuja Road, **11.30 am to 6 pm.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust:** Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava, Bharatanatyam features by Vidu. Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan; by Vidu. Veena Gangadhar with her disciples and by disciples of Vidushi Dr. Sheela Sridhar; Champaka Sabhangana, Champaka Academy premises, Ramakrishnannagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru:** Karnatak Vocal by Vid. Aneesh V. Bhat Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Bidaram Krishnappanavara Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** A.V. Prakash memorial concert, vocal concert by Vid. Vivek Sadashivam, Vid. Sindhu Suchethan on violin, Vid. Saishivu Lakshmikeshav on mridanga and Vid Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Chandramouleeshwara Temple, V.V.Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation:** Bhakti Sangeetha as part of 125th cultural outreach programme, by Vidu. Spoorthi Rao and team, BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of Lambani play 'Gor Mati' directed by C. Basavalingaiah, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-819,' story-telling by Anupama Hegde, Asst. Librarian, Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

### INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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| *Jackie (K)* | (S-2) | 4.05 pm |
| *Kerebete (K)* | (S-3) | 1.30 pm |
| *Karataka Damaraka (K)* | (S-1) | 1.05 pm, 7.15 pm; (S-2) 9.55 am |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | (S-1) | 10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Yodha (H)* | (S-2) | 1.10 pm, 10.10 pm |
| | (S-3) | 10.40 am, 7.25 pm |
| | (S-4) | 2.35 pm |
| *Bastar: Naxal Story (H)* | (S-3) | 4.40 pm; (S-4) 9.45 am |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | (S-2) | 7.10 pm |
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | (S-4) | 12.20 pm, 5.30, 7.45 pm, 10 pm |

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|---|---|---|
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | : | 9.55 am, 3.05 pm, 8.15 pm |
| *Yodha (H)* | : | 10 am, 12.10 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | : | 10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Mehabooba (K)* | : | 10.30 am |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 12.50 pm |
| *Blink (K)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| *Somu Sound Engineer (K)* | : | 1.30 pm |
| *Karataka Damanaka (K)* | : | 4.10 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | : | 4.10 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Hide and Seek (K)* | : | 4.20 pm |
| *Photo (K)* | : | 7.10 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

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